NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 96.49, Closed Area No. 64-A, Schoodic Peninsula,

promulgated May 13, 2004:

TEXT OF RULE: DMR Regulation 96.49, Closed Area No. 64-A, Schoodic Peninsula

Effective immediately, because of paralytic shellfish poison, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any species of mussels, carnivorous whelks and carnivorous snails from the shores, flats and territorial waters of Hancock and Washington Counties, south of a line running due west from the mainland of Winter Harbor to the east point of Jordan Island; then running southwest to the north end of Ironbound Island; then running southwest to Great Head on Mt. Desert; then running south to the limits of US jurisdiction; AND south of a line beginning at Young's Point; then running northeast to Dyer Point; then running southeast to Petit Manan Point; then running south to the limits of US jurisdiction.

All DMR Regulations concerning closures of shellfish due to bacterial pollution are not affected by this emergency rule and will remain in full force and effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 13, 2004

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STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources adopts this emergency regulation 96.49, Closed Area No. 64-A, Schoodic Peninsula, to prohibit the harvest of any species of mussels, carnivorous whelks and carnivorous snails between Great Head, Mt. Desert, and Petit Manan Point, Steuben.

Department personnel have sampled these areas and have determined that dangerous levels of paralytic shellfish poison (PSP) exist in mussels, whelks and snails. Consequently this area is closed to the harvest of mussels, snails and whelks to protect public health

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR GEORGE D. LAPOINTE, COMMISSIONER AS AUTHORIZED BY

12 M.R.S.A. SECTION 6023

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